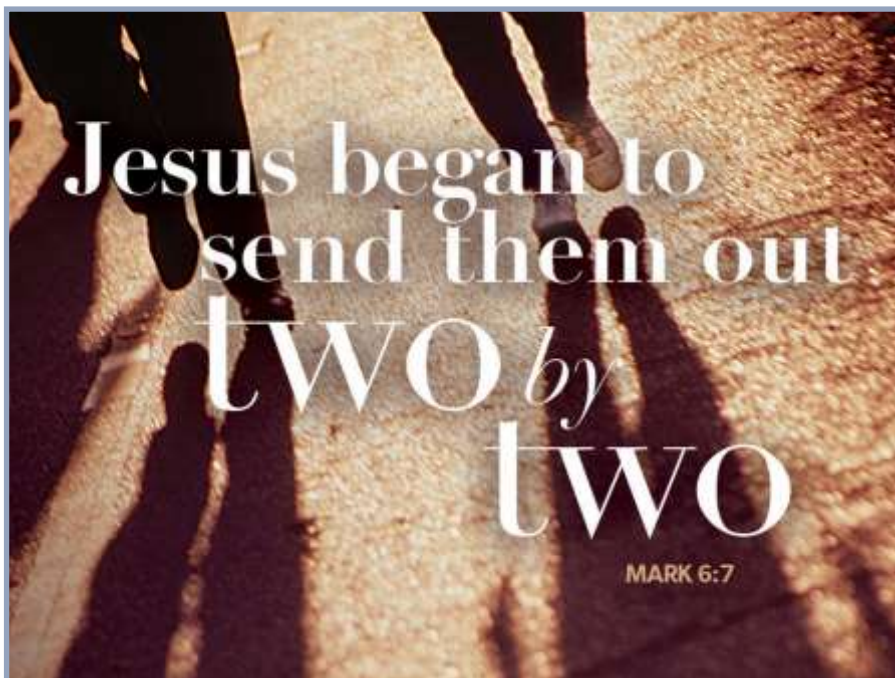


# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



*Lakeside Worship*  
*July 7, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.*

*Big Bend, Borgund, Immanuel, Kviteseid,  
Minnesota Valley, and Zion Lutheran Churches*

*Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Welcome to worship at the lake...* Today we thank and praise our Lord for the gift of freedom, democracy, and all that we have as we live our lives under His care and guidance.

## PRELUDE

*by Classic Brass*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“Down to the River to Pray”

### Refrain

As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord show me the way!

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| 1. O sisters let's go down<br>Let's go down, come on down<br>O sisters let's go down<br>Down to the river to pray. <i>Refrain</i> | 2. O brothers let's go down<br>Let's go down, come on down<br>O bothers let's go down<br>Down to the river to pray. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 3. O fathers let's go down<br>Let's go down, come on down<br>O fathers let's go down<br>Down to the river to pray. <i>Refrain</i> | 4. O mothers let's go down<br>Let's go down, come on down<br>O mothers let's go down<br>Down to the river to pray. <i>Refrain</i>  |
| 5. O sinners let's go down<br>Let's go down, come on down<br>O sinners let's go down<br>Down to the river to pray. <i>Refrain</i> |  |

## EXHORTATION AND PRAYER ON A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

P On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty. And that all her citizens are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nation's 248<sup>th</sup> birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties.

P The earth is the Lord's,  
C **And all who dwell in it.**

P God is king over the nations:  
C **God sits on his holy throne.**

P He rules by his might forever.  
C **His eyes keep watch on the nations.**

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
 C **For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.**  
 P May your ways be known upon the earth,  
 C **Your saving power among all peoples.**  
 P Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Above all things, give us faith in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 C **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
 till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
 thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
 America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY**

P On this holiday weekend . . . let us offer our thanks and prayers to God,  
 the giver of all good gifts.  
 P For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,  
 C **We thank you Lord.**  
 P For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,  
 C **We thank you Lord.**  
 P For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,  
 C **We thank you Lord.**  
 P For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,  
 C **We thank you Lord.**  
 P For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,  
 C **We thank you Lord.**

P For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers;  
for all who labor and provide for the common good,  
C **We thank you Lord.**

P For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,  
C **We thank you Lord.**

P For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our  
neighbors near and far,  
C **We thank you Lord.**

P Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which  
defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice,  
C **We pray to you Lord.**

P That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of  
terror and hopelessness,  
C **We pray to you Lord.**

P That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you, and be  
ever aware of the trust that has been given them,  
C **We pray to you Lord.**

P That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to  
you and to your grace,  
C **We pray to you Lord.**

P Gracious God, Father of all nations . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

**HYMN** "Nearer My God To Thee"

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me  
Still all my song shall be Nearer, my God, to thee  
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone  
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to thee  
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

**\*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Let us confess our sins to God, *2 Cor. 12:9*  
whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

C **Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name,  
yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call.  
By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life  
that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.** *Ezek. 2:3-4*

P Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending.  
Your sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

**C God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

#### **PSALM 123**

L <sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**C <sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

L <sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**C <sup>4</sup> too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

### **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:8-10**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Linda Estling*

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

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4. O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C We believe in God - the Creator of all things - the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God - true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin, that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit - the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God - His people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

#### **OFFERING**

*Special Music by Classic Brass*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and this creation.**

**C Amen.**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**P God of peace and mercy, send us into your world with confident joy.  
Help us to reach out to others and care for them as you always care for us.**

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

### Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*
3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

## CLOSING PRAYER

P This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

C **Amen.**

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## POSTLUDE

“God Bless America”

by *Classic Brass*

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# WELCOME

*to all those joining us today for this Lakeside Worship*

## Serving You Today

Pastor Linda Wimmer    Borgund, Minnesota Valley and Zion Lutheran Churches  
Pastor Linda Estling    Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Special thank you** to “*Classic Brass*” for the music today.

Members: Ellie Helgeson, Mark Hendrickson, Dale Lien, Randy Risch, Jeanine Rupp

**Today’s undesignated offering** will be given to food shelves  
in Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift counties.

*Please join us following worship for coffee and fellowship.  
Free will donation for coffee and goodies.*

Please mark your calendars and join us again on:

**Sunday, September 1** (Labor Day Weekend)  
at 9:30 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

*Remember to bring a lawn chair!*



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